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SUBJECT: LIBYAN POPULAR CONFERENCES ADOPT RESOLUTIONS ON  
INTERNAL MATTERS AND VOTE TO RESTRICT AID TO SYRIA

REF: (A) TRIPOLI 0425 (NOTAL), (B) TRIPOLI 0437 (NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: SINCE MARCH 20 SCORES OF POPULAR CONFERENCES  
HAVE BEEN MEETING THROUGHOUT LIBYA TO DISCUSS DOMESTIC AND  
FOREIGN POLICY AND TO VOTE ON SPECIFIC ISSUES RAISED IN  
QADHAFI'S MARCH 19 SPEECH (SUBJECT OF REFTELS) AND REFERRED  
TO THEM FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL BY THE GENERAL SECRE-  
TARIAT OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. VOTING RESULTS  
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ON THREE SUCH RESOLUTIONS ANNOUNCED APRIL 6 AND, NOT  
SURPRISINGLY, INDICATED STRONG SUPPORT FOR QADHAFI'S  
PROPOSALS ON REAL ESTATE AND MILITARY CONSCRIPTION. OF  
GREATER INTEREST WAS THE VOTING ON FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL  
SUPPORT FOR DAMASCUS WHICH MADE FURTHER LIBYAN ASSISTANCE  
CONTINGENT ON SYRIA'S ADOPTION OF RADICAL HARDLINE POLICY  
TOWARDS ISRAEL IN GENERAL AND SOUTH LEBANON IN PARTICULAR.

END SUMMARY.

1. WHAT QADHAFI ACTUALLY PROPOSES WITH REGARD TO LAND AND BUILDING OWNERSHIP STILL REMAINS AMBIGUOUS EVEN WITH PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTS OF HIS MARCH 19 SPEECH IN HAND. SUFFICE IT TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT 182 POPULAR CONFERENCES SUPPORTED HIS POSITION VERSUS FOUR WHICH DID NOT ACCORDING TO APRIL 6 RADIO TRIPOLI BROADCAST. ON THE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HOTLY DEBATED AT THE CONFERENCES, TRIPOLI RADIO ADDED EXPLANATORY NOTES INDICATING THAT --

- A. 47 POPULAR CONFERENCES APPROVED COMPENSATION FOR LAND PURCHASED.
- B. 17 POPULAR CONFERENCES APPROVED COMPENSATION FOR LANDS PURCHASED, INHERITED AND REGISTERED ONLY.
- C. ONE POPULAR CONFERENCE DECIDED LAND SHOULD NOT BE TOUCHED.
- D. 23 POPULAR CONFERENCES DECIDED THAT THE NUMBER OF WIVES AND FAMILY SIZE SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.
- E. 16 POPULAR CONFERENCES APPROVED TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO CHILDREN.

2. WITH REGARD TO MILITARY CONSCRIPTION, 184 POPULAR CONFERENCES SUPPORTED QADHAFI'S POSITION REQUIRING COMPULSORY MILITARY CONSCRIPTION FOR A "TEMPORARY" PERIOD OF TIME. TWO POPULAR CONFERENCES DID NOT APPROVE OF THE PROPOSAL.

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3. ISSUE OF CONTINUED LIBYAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SYRIA PLACED IN NEW, HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE, FRAMEWORK WHICH DEMANDS, IN ESSENCE, OUTRIGHT SYRIAN INTERVENTION IN SOUTH LEBANON AND WITHDRAWAL OF SYRIAN RECOGNITION OF UN'S MIDEAST RESOLUTIONS.

4. IN THE ACTUAL VOTING, RADIO TRIPOLI NOTED THAT SIX POPULAR CONFERENCES EXPRESSED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR SYRIA, 40 CONFERENCES EXPRESSED DESIRE TO EXTEND MILITARY AND MATERIAL SUPPORT, WHILE SEVEN CONFERENCES EXPRESSED NO SUPPORT AT ALL. HOWEVER, 133 POPULAR CONFERENCES EXPRESSED SUPPORT CONDITIONED BY THE FOLLOWING STRINGENT STIPULATIONS:

BEGIN QUOTE.

- A. THAT IT (READ SYRIA) ENTER THE WAR FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE LAND;
- B. THAT IT ABIDE BY THE COVENANTS (MAWATHIQ);
- C. THAT IT PROTECT THE PALESTINIANS AND BOLSTER THE RESISTANCE;
- D. THAT IT PERMIT THE FEDAYEEN TO OPERATE FROM WITHIN SYRIAN TERRITORY;
- E. THAT IT ALLOW THE ARMIES OF THE STATES OF STEADFASTNESS

AND CONFRONTATION TO MOVE INSIDE SYRIAN TERRITORIES;  
F. THAT IT SUPPORTS THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN LEBANON;  
G. THAT IT WITHDRAW RECOGNITION OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTIONS;  
H. THAT IT REJECTS THE UN EMERGENCY FORCES;  
I. THAT THE LIBYAN LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND  
FIGHTING;  
J. THAT SYRIA BE BLAMED FOR ITS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE  
RECENT ZIONIST AGGRESSION AGAINST SOUTHERN LEBANON; AND  
K. THAT SUPPORT BE CONFINED SOLELY TO MONEY AND ARMS IN THE  
EVENT OF SYRIA'S CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE POINTS.

END QUOTE.

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5. COMMENT. IF LIBYAN ASSISTANCE TO SYRIA INDEED TIED TO  
"POPULAR" APPROVAL AS QADHAFI STRESSED IN HIS MARCH 19  
SPEECH, NO LIBYAN AID TO DAMASCUS WILL BE FORTHCOMING AT  
PRESENT TIME, THUS PORTENDING OF NEW AND POSSIBLY FATAL  
FISSURE IN THE STEADFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION FRONT.  
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